



November 24, 1982

Mr. Carmen Perez, President
Puerto Rican Educators Association
P.O. Box 8067
Newark, New Jersey 07104

Dear Mr. Perez:

All Upward Bound Projects across the nation are in the final year of a three year funding cycle. As a concerned individual, and professional educator, you are aware of the current administration's attitude toward programs of this nature. The current administration is preparing to abolish at least 80% of the current programs which are operating at this time, which means that competition for funding for Upward Bound Projects will be quite intense.

Therefore, I am requesting from you a letter of endorsement for the Upward Bound Project at New Jersey Institute of Technology. The deadline date for submission of the continuation proposal for the Upward Bound Project to the U.S. Office of Education is December 23, 1982.

In addition, I am attaching for your personal, a newspaper article about the Upward Bound Project and a editorial comment which was published in the N.J.I.T. student newspaper "The Vector." Also included is a letter of endorsement by the National Organization of Black Chemist and Chemical Engineers.

Sincerely,

William F. Freeman

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Director
Upward Bound Project

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Attachment:

EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN NEGRO COLLEGE

Dr. Edward B. Mallon, Director
Department of Chemistry
U. S. West/8 Academy
Annapolis, Maryland 21403

9 November 1967

Dr. William F. Freeman
Director, Upward Bound Project
New Jersey Institute of Technology
381 High Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Dear Dr. Freeman:

I understand that Upward Bound Projects across the nation are in their final year of a funding cycle. I certainly wish to make known my support for the work of your project at NJIT. Your project, I observed, has the real support of the school's administration. The quality of your people and the cooperation evident in your program is refreshing.

We were very pleased to have students from your Upward Bound Project participate in our student day program at the 7th Annual Meeting of the National Organization of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers. I was personally honored to be a part of your graduation ceremony. The quality, scope of direction, and the confidence of your participation was impressive.

In these days when so many of our Black youth miss the opportunities for science and engineering education and career training, the need your people and your program fulfill is critical to our nation's continued growth and essential to the development of our youth.

Please let the U. S. Office of Education know that we strongly support your work there at NJIT, and that we will continue to cooperate with your efforts. We share your commitment.

Sincerely,



EDWIN S. CHURCH

NJT again looks to high school students

By STEVE KATZMAN, NEWARK

The New Jersey Institute of Technology has begun its annual hunt for its highest-achieving high school students.

The program was started to help promising high-achieving students as an integral step in the institution's commitment to diversity.

The NJIT's recent program is sponsored by the State's government and is a joint effort with the State's Long Term Planning Commission, Higher Education Council, Minority & Women Affairs and Education High Council. The state also has the honor, and responsibility, of selecting the students.

The NJIT also has a strong and well-earned reputation for its research and development, and its commitment to diversity.

For a recent award program, the school is seeking high-achieving students who have the "exceptional" ability to contribute to the state's economic and social development.

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Upward Bound ----- The Real Story

Recently an article appeared in the Vector in the March 10, 1982 issue entitled "You on the Move" by Dave Hapewell, the Staff Artist. This particular article stated several inferences about a 1980s Upward Bound program based on the Institute entitled Upward Bound. This article is intended to clear up some of the mystery and correct the myths surrounding the agency called "The Upward Bound Project".

The Upward Bound Project at N.J.I.T. has been operational and functional since its inception in January of 1979. This program at N.J.I.T. is one of 123 projects located throughout the continental United States and all which is funded by the United States Department of Education. Upward Bound Projects are college preparatory programs which serve a particular area of which consists of a school bus African population. The program at N.J.I.T. serves five high schools within the City of Newark. Our major objective is to have a technical program with an emphasis on Math, Science or Engineering. Our purpose is to recruit and educate these young adults and prepare them for a college education. Part of the services that the Project provides are: (1) academic development, which includes basic skills and special classes; (2) tutoring; (3) personal counseling; (4) college counseling and placement; (5) career development; (6) personal development through participation in social and cultural activities.

The Project consists of two components which function around the academic calendar at the Institute and in conjunction with the Newark Board of Education. The Project conducts a six week summer session, whereas the students are required to live in the dormitory during the summer session and a weekend year program which operates during the Spring and Winter sessions as Saturdays. During the academic year program, tutorial and counseling services are available to the program's participants.

Since the Project's inception at the Institute it has been quite successful with students who graduated from the Project. The first graduating class (1980) indicating that 90.8% would be attending college. Two years later 83.3% are in their second year of college and pursuing their intended major area of concentration, while 13.6% were dropped because of failure to perform at an acceptable level. In addition 3.1% withdrew because of personal or financial reasons.

The students of the first graduating class are attending such institutions as N.J.I.T., Rutgers Institute of Technology, Brown Institute of Technology, Boston College and Yale University and all of the former students are receiving adequate financial aid and in some cases they have received partial and full scholarships.

For the past two years the Project has placed students in the Summer Scholars Program tested annually by Rutgers University in order to honor the top high school students in the various Newark high schools.

Upward Bound has consistently been a success story and a viable option for students who may not have considered pursuing a post-secondary education. Based on the most recent U.S. Department of Education study, "The open alternative services provided by these projects (Upward Bound) have been shown to have a large positive influence on four-year post secondary institutions attended by participants." The Upward Bound Project and the participants (sons of whom parents are veterans) do sympathize with the plight of the Veterans in America. These high school students have the same rights to a better life and a chance for a decent education as well as veterans. The Veterans problem should not be centered around the Upward Bound Project. It should be addressed to the correct administration whether it be at H.J.L.E. or in Washington, D.C.

For those of you on campus who may be interested in finding out more about Upward Bound feel free to drop by the office in 413 Cadman Hall. Someone you know may qualify and benefit from the services that the Project provides.

By William F. Freeman,
Director
Upward Bound Project